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Musk is right.

The city is preparing to ban pizzas prepared in traditional coal and wood-fired ovens. The Big Apple Department of Environmental Protection wants to scrap these ovens or have pizzerias install filtration systems costing tens of thousands of dollars to meet the department's arbitrary demand for a 75% reduction in emissions.

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No matter how you slice it, the cost of complying will force these small businesses to either shut down (they don't have the money to buy and maintain expensive filtration systems) or significantly raise their prices and hope the customers keep coming.

Pizza aficionados know that the taste of pies prepared in electric ovens is inferior to those cooked in wood or charcoal ovens.

New York bureaucrats say that attacking pizzerias is necessary to save the environment.

What a crust! Their emissions argument is absurd. ClimateDepot.com editor Marc Morano compared the emissions from a wood stove to the emissions from the private jet regularly used by President Biden's climate czar, John Kerry. That stove would take 849 years to equal the emissions spewed each year by Kerry's plane. That's right, 849 years! Kerry's plane emits more than 100 metric tons of carbon dioxide annually.

Hypocritical, finger-wagging, finger-wagging nannies like Kerry and former Vice President Al Gore piously claim to offset their carbon footprints by buying carbon credits, through which the money goes to research to combat climate change.

Nice try, guys. You're still spewing carbon dioxide.

This is the green version of medieval indulgences, where you would make a contribution to the Catholic Church in exchange for having your sins forgiven and being given a smoother ride to heaven when you die.

What these extreme environmentalists show is a total lack of common sense and judgment.

Power-hungry bureaucrats delight in showing how important they are by bashing those things that make life better and more pleasant: banning gas stoves, making sure air conditioners no longer cool and dishwashers take twice as long to do a load of work.

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What is on display in New York City is a tasteless example of modern socialism, in which government bureaucrats control businesses not by taking them over, as old-line Marxists once did, but by regulating them minutely. As these traditional independent pizzerias are learning at their own peril, their very existence as businesses depends not on satisfying customers but on the whims of arrogant and all-powerful government parasites.

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